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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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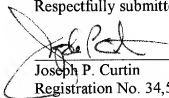
**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

The Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance are hereby acknowledged by Applicant. Applicant agrees that the claimed subject matter is patentably distinct from the documents cited by the Examiner; however, Applicant takes no position regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner, other than the positions Applicant has previously taken during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, the Examiner's reasons for allowance should not be attributed to Applicant as an indication of the basis for Applicant's belief that the claims are patentably distinct. Furthermore, it is respectfully asserted that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record. While in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e), a failure by the Applicant to disagree with the Examiner, or file more detailed comments, does not give rise to any implication that the Applicant agrees with or acquiesces to the reasoning of the Examiner,

here, by this document, Applicant is expressly making clear that no such agreement or acquiesce is present.

Respectfully submitted,

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